

Freedom Convoy 2022

Community Enforcement Operation

Situation

The Freedom Convoy 2022 arrived in Ottawa on 28th of January, 2022 with participants driving their trucks from all points across the country. The main demonstration was scheduled for the 29th and 30th of January and several truck operators returned home however there remains a large contingent of operators congesting many streets in the downtown core. These truckers vow to remain in place until Covid mandates are lifted across the entire country.

Truck congestion is greatest in the following areas:

- Wellington Kent to Elgin s/b
- Wellington/SJAM from Booth to the Nepean Bay Bridge
- Wellington at Bay to Lyon
- King Edward from Murray to Rideau
- Metcalfe from Lisgar to Albert
- Bank from Laurier to Albert
- Kent from Somerset to Albert

Many roads remain congested but the above have resulted in full closures of:

- Wellington/SJAM from Portage Bridge to Sussex
- Kent from Somerset to Wellington

There are trucks parked in other areas but they have less impact on regular flow of traffic.

The protest actions were to be directed at the Federal Government however they had absolutely no impact on the MPs returning to the House of Commons on the 31st. Furthermore, most federal employees continue to work virtually and government operations remain intact.

The only impacts the demonstrators have actually had is on local residents and businesses with little to no affiliation or influence on the federal government.

While organizers and participants advise that the demonstration is peaceful, there have been a number of issues reported in the media and to the police including:

- Charges related to an offensive weapons investigation
- Charges related to uttering threats
- Charges related to property damage
- Desecration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Harassment of Shepherds of Good Hope to supply food
- 25 outstanding criminal investigations
- Harassment of homeless
- Ongoing noise complaints (truckers blaring horns and music throughout the day and night)

- Public urination and defecation
- Overcrowding and harassment of mall owners resulting in the closure of the Rideau Centre from 2-6 FEB
- Harassment of residents at grocery stores by mask less protesters
- General obstruction of roadways for the lawful use by residents

Mission

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Execution

Police Approach

Police officers will be assigned to the downtown core in an attempt to end all unlawful behaviour by the protesters or any other person engaged in illegal activities.

Officers will be directed to use their discretion sparingly and only in extreme cases.

Area of Operations

Activities in outlying urban areas will be the responsibility of FLD and traffic resources.

The area of operation for this plan will include Centretown, Sandy Hill, Lowertown and Sandy Hill areas. As enforcement activities increase, there is the possibility that the protesters will migrate away from the area of operations in this plan. The plan will be expanded in that case.

The area of operations will be divided into four distinct areas. East patrol division will assume an area and during staging, resources will be assigned to the fourth area. The areas of operations have been identified based upon complaints, investigations and increased activities.

Zone 1 Centretown (West Division Officers) – Area encompassed by Somerset, Metcalfe, Catherine and Percy. It also includes surrounding streets just adjacent to this area.

Other areas of particular concern:

- Bay / Lisgar
- Lyon and Cooper (and surrounding area)



Zone 2 Golden Triangle (Central Division Officers) – Area encompassed by Elgin, Cooper, QED and Park Ave. It also includes surrounding streets just adjacent to this area.

Other areas of concern:

- Confederation Park
- Area bound by Nepean / Bank down to Gilmour and Metcalfe



- Nelson / Besserer
- Clarence / Nelson
- Nelson / Beausoleil St



Zone 4 Sandy Hill (Mixed Divisions, determined during staging) - Area encompassed by Laurier, Range, Templeton and King Edward. I also includes surrounding streets and parks just adjacent to this area.

Other areas of concern:

- Nelson / Beausoleil St
- Stewart / Friel



Staffing

Staffing the operations under this plan will fall to members of FLD who will have their days-off cancelled for 04-06 February, 2022.

Deployment Model

Members will deploy in pairs and will remain in close communications with the team lead. Members will keep the team lead aware of all activities including rest breaks.

Operational Period

Members assigned to this plan will follow their regular rotation (day shift, afternoon shift, night shift and fixed shift). This will provide ample coverage in the downtown core.

Statistics

At the end of each shift, the Team Lead will be responsible for collecting enforcement and activity statistics from all members assigned to him/her and reporting them to <<identify>>.

Administration

Overtime

Officers will submit their overtime claims to their respective patrol supervisor using:

Approval Authority	#20305 (A/Supt Burnett)
Project code:	CONVOY
Cost Centre:	124167

Transportation

Members will be bused to and from 10th Line/Leitrim, Huntmar and Greenbank to the staging area.

Assignments

Members will be provided their assignments at the staging area.

Down areas

Buses will remain in the assigned zone for officers to return for warmth.

Meals

To be arranged.

Portable Radios

Members will take portable radios from their home location.

Communication/Command and Control

Communication

Members deployed under this plan will use Central Patrol channel so that everyone has a situational awareness and Dispatch is immediately available to provide emergency support.

Command and Control

The team leads for each area is as indicated in the chart below.

Time	1 (Centretown)	2 (Golden Triangle)	3 (Lowertown)	4 (Sandy Hill)
0700-1500	McGillvray, B	O'Connell-Smith, J	Gidley, K	TBI
1500-2300	Stangle, W	Bouwmeester, M	Redmond, N	TBI
2300-0700	Carey, R	Standing, S	Frost, P	TBI

Appendix – List of Potential Charges

<<will add a list of “likely-to-be-experienced” charges>>